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June 8, 2001

Agenda: June 19, 2001

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Re: Changes to Ordinance Establishing the Children and Youth Commission

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is a letter from Jim Marshall, Coordinator of the County's Children and Youth Commission, identifying areas in the current provisions of Chapter 2.44, the Commission's enabling authority (also attached) which need revision. Specifically, the Commission is requesting that the Board amend the "membership" and "powers and duties" provisions in Chapter 2.44 to:

1. Provide for broader authority for appointees representing each Supervisorial District.
2. Correct the language referencing the at-large representative of the Human Resources Agency.
3. Reflect the addition of two members under the age of 18 and the change in the **official** name of the Commission.
4. Delete reference to Commission serving as the "recognized **community**-coordinated child care council in the county."

A draft ordinance is attached for your Board's review and consideration. This draft revises the membership requirements as proposed by the Commission under items 1 and 2 above.

The addition of the two under age 18 positions was accomplished in 1995 pursuant to Board approval of Ordinance 4379, and the Commission's name was formally changed pursuant to Board approval of Ordinance No. 4606 earlier this year. Both of these ordinances were adopted and made a part of the current County Code pursuant to the Board's action on May 1, 2001, to adopt the republished Santa **Cruz** County Code. They will appear in hard copy and in the new on-line version of the Code with the next update by Book Publishing Company. Therefore, no further action is needed with regard to item 3.

Finally, the Commission is also requesting that changes be made to Section 2.44.070 (A), with regard to the Powers and Duties of the Commission to eliminate language referencing the Commission as serving as a "recognized community-coordinated child care council in the county." This office would concur that the action taken by the State to establish Child Care Planning Councils meets that need and that this language is no longer relevant.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board consider approving in concept the attached ordinance amending Sections 2.44.020 and 2.44.070 of the Santa Cruz County Code relating to the Children and Youth Commission and place said ordinance on your next available agenda for final action.

Very truly yours,

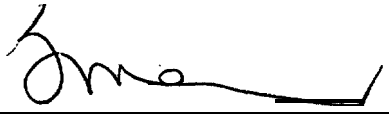
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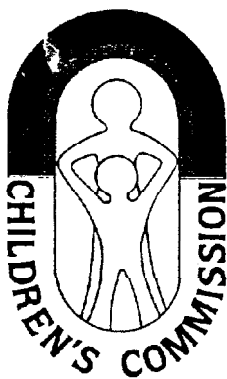
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RECOMMENDED:


SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

Attachments

cc: Children and Youth Commission



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
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CHILDREN'S COMMISSION
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May 15, 2001

County Counsel
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Attention: Rahn Garcia

In a recent meeting with Terry Dorsey we reviewed the County Code and noticed some areas that may need to be changed to better reflect the membership of the Children and Youth Commission. At the regular Children and Youth Commission meeting on May 10th an agenda item was reviewed concerning the language in the County Code. The Commission took formal action to recommend the following changes:

1. Under Section 2.44.020 – Membership – section B: The requirements for these members are quite unrealistic with regards to representing groups of parents. The Commission believes that it is not inclusive enough to require that Supervisor appointees be required to be parents. We are suggesting more general language such as; Each Supervisor shall appoint one person from their district to serve as a representative of that district.
2. Under Section 2.44.020 – Membership- section C: The agency titles should be capitalized and the “human resources commission” is incorrect. That sentence should read; Three of these members shall represent the Health Services Agency, the Human Resources Agency, and the County Office of Education.
3. The code posted on the web does not reflect Section 2.44.020 – Membership – section D. An ordinance passed on September 12, 1995 allowed for 2 youth representatives. I am enclosing a copy of the ordinance that reads; Two members shall be persons under the age of eighteen, appointed on an at-large basis.

4. Under Section 2.44.070 – Powers and duties – section A; Serve as a recognized community-coordinated child care council in the county.

It is the opinion of the Commission that this should be eliminated from the code due to the fact that the State of California now has Local Child Care Planning Councils in every County in order to serve as such as council.

5. The County Code title should be changed to reflect that this commission is now legally known as the Children and Youth Commission.

Please contact me at x2102 if you need additional information. It is our hope that this can be accomplished in a timely manner and forwarded for Board approval. There are currently 2 vacancies on the Commission and with a more inclusive membership requirement, the Board may be able to make satisfactory appointments in the near future.

Sincerely thanking you for your help,



Jim Marshall
Coordinator
Children and Youth Commission

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.44.020 AND
2.44.070 OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE RELATING TO
THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

SECTION I

Sections 2.44.020 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.44.020 Membership.

A. The commission shall consist of ten members, residents of the county, appointed by the board of supervisors.

~~B. Each supervisor shall nominate one parent who shall represent a parent group consisting of at least five families with some regular means of communication among the members, and who shall be a present or potential user of child care services. At least two of these members shall be parents drawn from groups having a substantial proportion of low income families, minority group families, or families whose children participate in public funded child care programs. Each supervisor shall appoint one person who may reside within the supervisor's district.~~

C. Five members shall be persons appointed on an at-large basis to represent public or private agencies which are present or potential providers of children's services or child development programs. Three of these members shall represent the health services agency, the county office of education, and the human resources ~~commission agency~~.

D. Two members shall be persons under the age of eighteen, appointed on an at-large basis.

SECTION II

Section 2.44.070 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2.44.070 Powers and duties.

The Commission shall exercise the following responsibilities in its efforts to achieve the highest quality and maximum effectiveness of children's services which

promote and secure the health, development, safety and early childhood education of the children of this county:

- ~~A.~~ ~~Serve as a recognized community-coordinated child care council in the county;~~
- ~~B.A.~~ Advise and report directly to the board of supervisors on any matters concerning the development, administration and review of preschool, child care and child health programs in the county;
- ~~C.B.~~ Determine the needs of children in the county, and initiate programs to meet those needs;
- ~~D.C.~~ Coordinate the efforts of various public and private agencies and organizations administering preschool and child care programs in the county to ensure the effectiveness of such programs;
- ~~E.D.~~ Communicate with other county advisory bodies concerned with children's programs; and
- ~~F.E.~~ Exercise any other responsibilities which may be set forth in the commission's bylaws, approved by the board of supervisors.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day after the date of final passage.

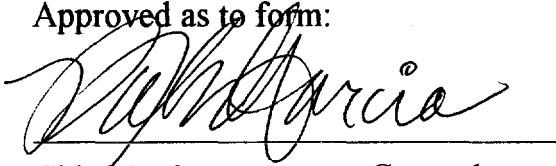
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this d a y o f , 200 1, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
 NOES: SUPERVISORS
 ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
 ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman
 Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
 Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Garcia", is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Assistant County Counsel

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Children and Youth Commission